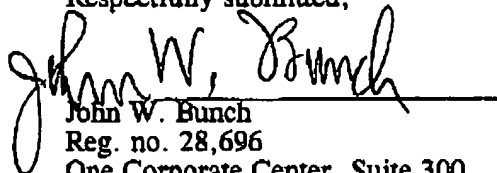


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It is respectfully submitted that the claimed invention is distinguishable and patentable over the prior art. Favorable action on the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

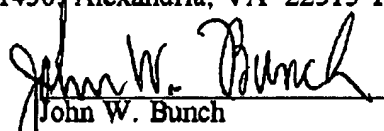
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